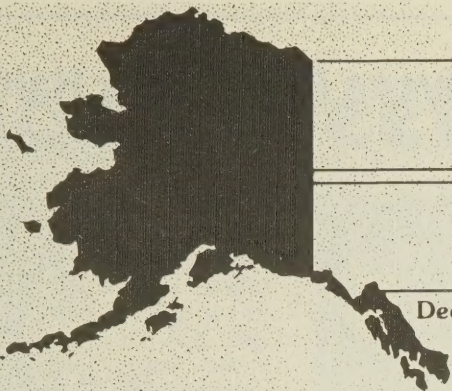


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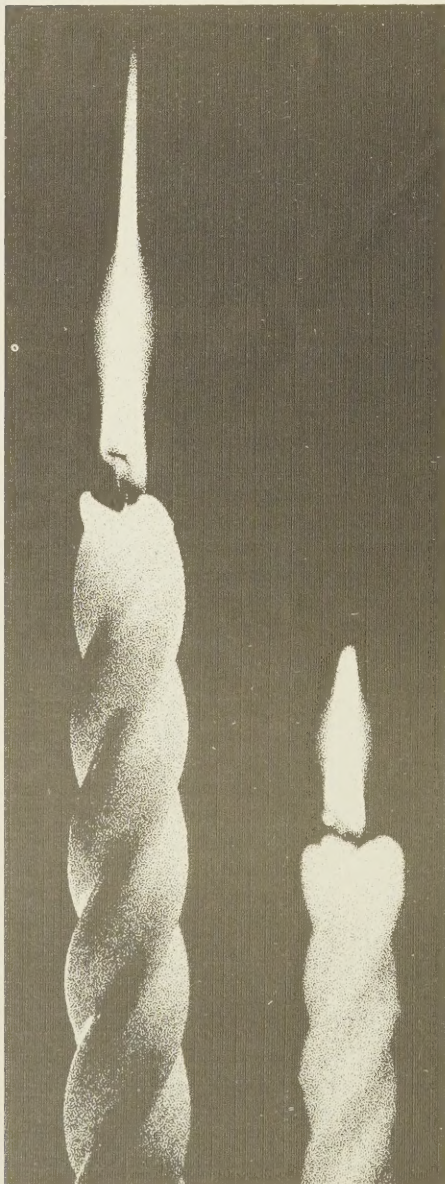
"And she bore her first-born Son, whom she wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"There were in the same country shepherds, staying in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they feared greatly.

"And the angel said to them, 'Have no fear, for behold I announce to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people; for today there was born for you in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: you will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men.'"

Luke 2: 7-14



Federal Employees Raise Over Half Million



Federal workers brought in a gusher for charity as they blew the top off their Combined Federal Campaign goal of \$495,000. Newsman Dave Seleski of KTUU Channel 2 shows off the final tally while campaign chairman Frank Cunningham, regional director of the Federal Aviation Agency (right), gives a check to Malcolm Miner of United Way. The Alaska Heart Association, represented by Kit Evans (far left), is one of the organizations that will receive money from this drive.

Eagle Scout Candidates Improve Trail System

by Joette Storm

Two Boy Scouts, the sons of BLM employees, recently led efforts to perform trail work on the Campbell Airstrip Tract managed by the Peninsula Resource Area staff. The Scouts, David Eickbush, Troop 286, and Will Earnhart, Troop 107, made proposals to Peninsula Area Manager Don Hinrichsen to do the projects as part of their efforts to earn the title of Eagle Scout.

Eickbush, son of Chief of Cadastral Survey Fran Eickbush, proposed to organize 12 Scouts in 80 hours of ski and dog sled trail clearing. Earnhart, whose dad is Edgar Earnhart of the Branch of Easement Identification, organized a similar work crew of Scouts and parents to brush and dress other portions of the trails used for recreation.

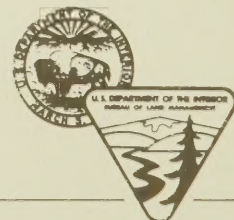
The two Scouts worked out the details of their projects with Dave Mabraten, natural resource specialist. "Their work helped to stretch our recreation budget," says Mabraten. "The trails on Campbell Tract get a lot of use year round, but they needed some dressing to be in top condition for

the ski and mushing season."

The work done by the Scouts was very labor intensive and required the use of hand tools to clear bushes, trees, stumps, and roots from the trails.

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Season's Greetings

"On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous new year!"

"Since taking on the role as Alaska state director I've filled a large set of shoes left behind by Curt McVee. Not an easy task but one made easier because of the help, cooperation, and capability of the Alaska BLM crew. You have briefed, explained, oriented, and gone an extra measure to get me acquainted. You have taken me around the state, out on the ground, and taken me to some of the nooks and far off corners of this great land. You have given me the opportunity to meet most of you and even get to know many of your families. A new state director and his family could not have received a more warm and friendly reception. I thank you.

"We face many trying problems ahead. With your help we will solve them. There will be new problems, and we'll solve those too. It is a time of new challenges.

"I look forward to the upcoming year as one in which we can move ahead in our work as we present a positive BLM presence to the people we serve."



(front row left to right) Lorilee, Joanna, Jennie; (back row left to right) Julianne, Dona, Michael

A Special Christmas for the Burns Family

Christmas will have special meaning to Joe Burns and his family this year as they spend it together at home as a family. Last Christmas ASO and ADO employees raised money for ASO Cadastral Survey's Burns to fly to Seattle to be with his family. At that time Burns' daughter Lisa Jo had been in Seattle for treatment of a heart defect detected at birth.

According to Burns, "Lisa Jo was flown to Providence Hospital at the end of January. She remained there until June when she was transferred back to Seattle for a second heart surgery, this one an open heart surgery. After five weeks she was flown back to Providence and was released from the hospital for the first time on August 20. She will be spending her first Christmas at home.

"At 17 months old she's doing pretty well," says Burns. "I would like to thank everyone for the support and help they have given over the last 17 months. We really appreciate last year's Christmas gift."



Lisa Jo

≡ Alaska: Energy Storehouse

In 1923 President Warren G. Harding set aside several areas as naval petroleum reserves to assure that fossil fuel would always be available to the U.S. Naval fleet. The U.S. Navy sailed over the seven seas, but it ran on oil.

Some of Harding's reserves later became famous, like Elk Hills in California. Others became infamous, like the Teapot Dome in Wyoming. And one, the Petroleum Reserve Number 4 on Alaska's North Slope, was all but forgotten since it was located in the most isolated, remote corner of the nation in a place that wasn't even a state, just a piece of real estate we had bought from the Russians in a lopsided land deal back in the 1860s.

Nothing much happened there; the designation was on paper. New oil deposits were discovered in less remote areas.

After the oil embargo and the discovery of a super field in nearby Prudhoe Bay, interest in the Reserve picked up.

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Bound by the Arctic Ocean on the north and the Brooks Range on the south, the 37,000 square mile area is now called the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A), and it is the northernmost oil reserve in the U.S.

In 1976 the Naval Petroleum Reserve Production Act transferred the jurisdiction of NPR-A from the U.S. Navy to the Secretary of the Interior with exploration assigned to the U.S. Geological Survey. Since 1981, when NPR-A was opened to private industry, four NPR-A lease sales have been held. A total of \$87,622,521 has been bid for development rights on 1,153,986 acres.

Although NPR-A is best known for its oil potential, the area is also rich in other resources. The Naval Petroleum Reserve Production Act identified several ecologically sensitive areas — the Utukok Uplands calving ground of the western arctic caribou herd and the waterfowl molting areas of Teshekpuk Lake. The Colville River was also recognized for special protection because of the raptor nests along the banks of the river and for the character of the river.

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Much of the terrain within NPR-A is dotted with lakes. Millions of waterfowl and other birds migrate to this important area every year. Thousands of geese, whistling swans, dabblers and diving ducks, gulls, terns, jaegers, and loons arrive each May from the U.S.S.R., Canada, and the Lower 48 to

nest and raise their young along the shores of the many lakes. The Teshekpuk Lake area is known to be one of the major Black Brant goose molting areas in the world. Birds such as eiders, inland loons, oldsquaws, glaucous gulls, and Arctic terns nesting on the barrier islands utilize the barrier islands and protective bays and lagoons as resting areas while they feed on the open seas. In August and September the shoreline of the barrier islands commonly contains 1,600 birds per mile of shoreline. Juvenile red phalaropes and Sabine's gulls, as well as other shorebirds and waterfowl, congregate to feed, molt or stage for migration.

Further inland the cliffs and riparian habitat along the Colville Wild and Scenic River provide one of the major nesting areas in mainland Alaska for threatened Arctic peregrine falcons as well as for gyrfalcons, ravens, rough-legged hawks, and golden eagles. Although the nesting habitat along the Colville River is remote and unpolluted, the peregrines winter in Central America and pass through some of the most heavily polluted areas in the Western Hemisphere. As predators at the top of the food chain, they concentrate certain pesticides containing chlorinated hydrocarbons. The chlorinated hydrocarbons cause the female peregrine to be unable to produce hardshelled eggs. In contrast, gyrfalcons and rough-legged hawks do not migrate to heavily contaminated areas and have not suffered declines.



Archeological site field exam on NPR-A

For National Needs

The southwestern part of NPR-A is an important calving area for the western arctic caribou herd.

The southwestern part of NPR-A is an important caribou calving area for the western arctic caribou herd. Each May most of the adult females in the herd take advantage of the rapidly warming tussock tops and the new growth by converging in the foothills of the DeLong Mountains. Immediately after calving in late June and early July the herd of caribou normally forms large, dense, rapidly-moving aggregations of thousands of animals which move southwest into the southern foothills of the NPR-A or into the coastal uplands north and east of Teshekpuk Lake. The Coastal Zone is important for providing relief from insects.

Grizzly bears, arctic fox, wolf, wolverine, caribou, Dall sheep, moose, and other animals live within the boundaries of NPR-A. The possibility of viewing wildlife in its natural setting is one of the most exciting recreation opportunities in NPR-A.

Despite the immense size of NPR-A, recreational use of the Reserve represents only about one percent of the total statewide recreation. The long distances and the cost to reach it discourage many people from ever visiting NPR-A. Due to the impassability of much of the terrain, the only practical backpacking and hiking

areas are in the DeLong Mountains, along some of the major river drainages in the mountain and foothill regions, and along coastal beaches.

NPR-A also offers several unique sightseeing opportunities including permafrost landforms such as high- and low-centered polygons and pingos in the coastal plain, ice flow ridges along the arctic coastline, and the northernmost community in the U.S. — the city of Barrow.

A number of significant paleontological, archaeological, and cultural sites also exist within NPR-A. At Cape Simpson a concentration of oil seeps and tar domes contain caribou bones of relatively recent dates, but it is potentially an extremely important paleontological site similar to the LaBrea Tar Pits in Southern California. The Barrow area has several sites providing a sequence of Eskimo culture from 2,000 B.C. to the present.

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Besides having high oil and gas potential and being a summer haven for wildlife, NPR-A also contains a vast reserve of coal. The coal occurs in the Cretaceous sedimentary rock which underlies more than half of NPR-A. The "identified" coal resources for northern Alaska total almost 13 billion tons of bituminous and about 11 billion tons of subbituminous coal. The potential coal

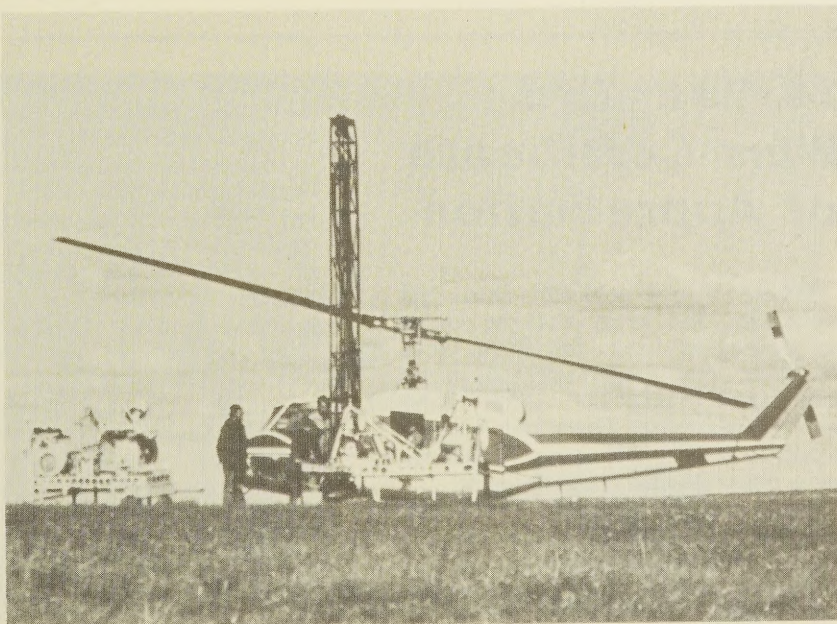
resources are enormous. The remoteness of the area makes removal of the coal and shipment south to U.S. markets too cost prohibitive to be worth developing. However, there has been increased interest shown by countries of the "Pacific Rim," such as Korea, Taiwan, and Japan, to obtain steam coal for power generation. The proximity of these countries makes the economics more favorable.

The geese and other waterfowl have returned each summer to nest undisturbed from time immemorial and glaciers have advanced and retreated over the area, but the remote isolation of the North Slope of Alaska has kept the area virtually untouched by modern civilization for hundreds of years. Now a new era is dawning. Increased demands for energy in a growing world has brought modern technology to the North Slope in the relentless search for new sources of energy. What will happen to the area remains to be seen as more and more exploration is done. If substantial amounts of oil are located and removal is cost efficient, things will change. If no new coal markets are found, the nation's eyes will look north to the NPR-A.

As the managing agency to oversee exploration and development within NPR-A, BLM's job is a big one! Making sure the delicate balance between nature and exploration and development is maintained will keep BLM's land managers challenged in the years to come.



A vibracise rig running a seismic line



Shallow Drilling Rig transported by helicopter

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year from



ASO Public Affairs

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14-Year Old Wins Certificate of Appreciation

"What! You're only 13? Doris Hill exclaimed. "I'm sorry Melanie; you're too young to work for BLM as a volunteer. Come back and talk to me again when you're 14." After many years in personnel, Doris didn't really expect to see Melanie again. "Probably just a passing whim," she thought.

However, she didn't know Melanie very well then. On the day after Melanie Beach became 14, she phoned her mother and asked, "Hey Mom, when do I go to work?"

On November 9th Melanie, who is still just 14 years old, received a

certificate of appreciation for her dedicated work as Alaska BLM's youngest volunteer.

The award was presented by BLM State Director Mike Penfold, who told her, "We greatly appreciate your help. Your work is neat and accurate. You do more than is expected of you, and you don't complain. You are an asset to our organization. Let me shake your hand and say, hey, good luck!"

Melanie is going to continue being a volunteer, at least for awhile, or "until I find a good job I like. I like most of the things I do," she says. At present she does a lot of xeroxing, filing, and other clerical work for the personnel office. Her ultimate goal is to become a social psychologist.

How did she ever think of becoming a volunteer for BLM? "Well," she remembers, "my mom brought home a notebook that told a little bit about it,

and then we asked Doris Hill in personnel about it."

Her mom is Ebony DeRoque, a land law examiner at the Alaska State Office.

According to DeRoque, "Melanie was getting bored at home and constantly asked me what kind of a job she could do." One evening DeRoque just happened to bring home a training manual that mentioned BLM's volunteer program, and Melanie's ambition took care of the rest.

On September 18 she began working three days a week after school. Doris Hill, the personnel specialist to whom Melanie talked and who is her supervisor, reports, "She's a delightful young lady. She works hard, and we've never given her anything she couldn't handle."

Hill has been the volunteer coordinator for the last two years. "It has been a very active program. Last

the Alaska Public Affairs Staff



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ADO Public Affairs

(seated) Joette Storm, Chief; (standing left to right) Danielle Allen, Public Affairs Specialist; Carol Belinski, Graphic Illustrator.

year BLM had 36 volunteers in Alaska who performed more than 9,000 hours of work worth \$74,000. We have people all over the state," Hill reports.

Volunteers have done plant inventories for biologists, geological studies, resource statistical work, and have monitored and collected vertebrate fossils. Others have worked in the print shop, mail room, in the kitchen of the Alaska Fire Service, and as readers for EEO's Patty Tengberg. "But," Hill says, "we still need more volunteers."

It seems BLM has had good experiences with volunteers. And no wonder, when we can attract young people like Melanie Beach. She gives a perfect demonstration of the way that ambition, hard work, and a cooperative spirit make a person valuable to an organization — no matter how old or young!



(left to right) Ebony DeRoque, Melanie Beach, and State Director Mike Penfold

Cliff Ligons is New EEO Specialist in the Fairbanks District

After six and a half years in the Alaska State Office Reproduction Facility, Cliff Ligons is moving on to greener pastures! Ligons, who started with BLM as a printer, says, "I've really enjoyed working in the ASO Reproduction Facility, and I hope people remember me as the person who got the job done. I would also like to thank everyone for being courteous even when we were late in getting a job out."

Ligons came to Alaska 11 years ago for a vacation. He liked it so much, he never left. "It was tough at first," he says. "I was working three part-time jobs. Later I was able to get on full time with the school district print shop. I applied for a job in the BLM reproduction facility just as the announcement was closing. Pat Lillian interviewed me over the phone and offered me the job an hour later."

While working in the reproduction facility Ligons was very involved with the local handicapped program, rehabilitation programs, an organization called Women in Need (WIN), the Federal Womens Program (FWP), and others. He has also served as an Equal Opportunity Employment



Charles Luddington (left) and Cliff Ligons check press run.

counselor for the last three years.

"I've always liked helping people," says Ligons. "I've been doing print work since I was hired by the Neighborhood Youth Corps at 14 years of age. I love to see the end product, and it always

makes people happy.

"I'm looking forward to my new job as EEO Specialist in Fairbanks. It opens up a lot of opportunities for me, and in my spare time I would like to finish up my sociology degree," says Ligons.

Federal Employees Compensation Act

by Stephanie Schmidt

Amid the stream of paperwork that flows about us daily are some forms designed to assure our entitlements under the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

In order for the Office of Worker's Compensation to quickly process your claim and to prevent the need for more than the minimum amount of effort, it is important that the compensation forms be completed in full and issued promptly.

When you are injured at work, you must report the injury to your supervisor on Form CA-1 within two working days. When medical treatment is necessary, your supervisor will provide you with written authorization on Form CA-16 to go to the doctor. This form notifies the medical provider that the treatment is for a recognized work-related injury and that payment is to be made by the government.

Sometimes treatment is not required immediately upon the occurrence of the injury. You may not suffer symptoms until later that night, over the weekend,

or several weeks or months later. You are still entitled to medical treatment, and your supervisor can provide you with authorization at that time.

Unless the symptoms are life threatening or completely unbearable, it's best not to go to the hospital emergency room or to your private doctor without the signed Form CA-16. Doing so can cloud the issue, complicate insurance filing, and invite out-of-pocket expenses which may not be reimbursed, although the compensation laws are generous and your claim will most likely be approved.

Pamphlet CA-11, "When Injured at Work," provides a good outline of benefits provided for in the compensation act. These are available in your servicing personnel office. For additional information or when in doubt about your compensation benefits, contact your compensation specialist:

Stephanie Schmidt - ASO
Dennis (Yogi) Neilson - ADO
Veronica Belton - FDO/AFS

Supervisors Remember

by Stephanie Schmidt

At this PIPR time of year when incentive awards are heavy on everyone's minds, it is necessary to remember the regulatory provisions against successive cash awards. An employee may not be given more than one cash award in a 52-week period and may not receive an award within six months of a promotion.

Dianne Harrison, employee relations assistant in the Branch of Personnel, handles the awards paperwork and can provide you with advice and guidance to assist you in recognizing employee contributions. She may be reached at 271-3165. Anchorage District supervisors should contact their servicing personnel office; Fairbanks District and Fire Service supervisors should contact the State Office.

How Much Water Does One Need To Enjoy A River?

by Joette Storm

Most of us don't give a thought to how much water we need to fish, float, or boat down a river; but the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which manages the Gulkana River, is in the business of knowing. BLM was given the task of protecting the river's remarkable scenic and recreational values by Congress when it designated the Gulkana as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system in 1980. Part of this job is to determine the amount of water necessary for recreational use, to support the fishery, and to replenish ground water so it can be reserved for the people of the nation.

Those uses were identified in a management plan developed for the 181-mile wild and scenic river corridor by the agency with help from the public. In order to perform the liquid computations necessary to determine just how much water is enough, BLM hydrologist Ron Huntsinger began measuring water quantity and velocity, as well as channel width and depth last summer.

Armed with such specialized equipment as a top set rod and Price velocity meter, Huntsinger spent up to 10 hours a day in the water setting up transects, subdividing them into small units, and taking various measurements. Measurements were taken three times during the summer at sites which included a deep pool, the shallowest ripple, and near an island or gravel bar.

"Before going to the river, a team of resource specialists looks at the total stream system to identify areas critical to their particular source," says Huntsinger. "A fisheries biologist, for example, will be interested in learning the stream conditions for areas where spawning or rearing occurs."

The measurements obtained over a number of years will be computed to obtain the river's average annual flow. All of that information will be processed on a computer using a mathematical model to quantify seasonal variations in water flow, the next step to determining the amount of water to be reserved. Developed by the interagency Instream Flow Study Group, this standardized inventory method assists the recreation planner in identifying what percentage of the average annual flow is necessary to permit boating in the main channel at times of peak use.

The BLM will reserve specific amounts of water for various times of the year and allocate the surplus to the state of Alaska, which further allocates



Using a top set rod to measure stream depth, Ron Huntsinger, district hydrologist, collects data to determine the average annual flow of the Gulkana National Wild River.



Ron Huntsinger, district hydrologist, takes a water quality sample along the banks of the Gulkana River.



Terry O'Sullivan (left) sits on the bank recording measurements taken by fisheries biologist Mike Scott as part of a water study of the Gulkana River.

water for consumptive uses. Such uses might include construction, mining, manufacturing, or agriculture.

Approved minimum flows will be incorporated into the Gulkana River Management Plan which became effective May 1984. A formal

application for the water reservations must also be filed with the Secretary of the Interior and the State. The job doesn't stop there, however. As the agency designated by Congress, BLM will continue to measure and monitor water levels for years to come.

Pre-Retirement Seminar Held in Fairbanks

by Sharon Durgan

The Fairbanks District Office hosted a very successful Pre-Retirement Seminar on October 31 and November 1 in the district training room. Designed to help federal employees plan for their eventual retirement, this was the first seminar of its type to be held in Fairbanks.

Featured guest speaker was J. Ellsworth McCarthy, a local retired school administrator. A wide variety of subjects were covered over the two days. Theoretical discussions centered on retirement as a mode of life, living arrangements, life styles and health, the ageing process, and the psychology/sociology of ageing. The practical aspects addressed the federal retirement system, insurance, social security, will and estate planning, tax considerations, and money management/investing.

The interagency seminar was attended by 68 local federal employees who were within five years of retirement eligibility. According to Leon "Bud" Sweet, employee development specialist for FDO and coordinator of the seminar, "This local presentation allowed more employees to participate than normally would be scheduled, since many of the agencies would not have been able to fund the travel to Anchorage for a pre-retirement seminar. It produced a lot of local benefits."

Sweet looks forward to periodic seminars in the future, although he feels a nominal tuition will be necessary to defray costs of guest speakers from Anchorage. The costs at this event were absorbed by the Department of the Army and the Federal Aviation Administration in Fairbanks. Joint support for presenting the seminar was given by Jerry Payne, civilian personnel officer for DOA, and Ed Kiss of FAA. A similar seminar for Department of Army personnel was held at Ft. Wainwright six months ago. While there was a desire to repeat it, more local involvement was needed to make it cost-effective.

Participants expressed a keen interest in all facets of the seminar and recommended that it be repeated in Fairbanks in the future.

Social Life

All work and no play can make dull BLMers. Within the myriad of work-intensive projects over the past months, Fairbanks District Office employees managed to squeeze in a few moments of relaxation and camaraderie.



This year's Halloween social at FDO brought out the worst of unidentifiable ghouls, creatures and odd-balls from cracks in the district walls and possibly from under the carpets.

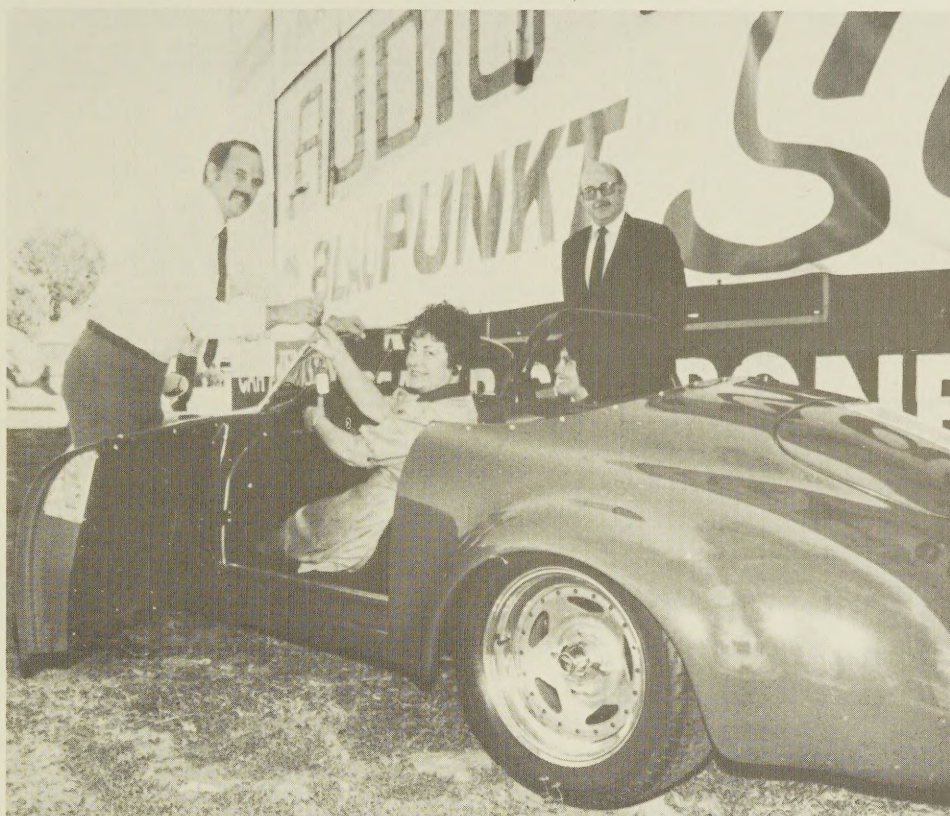


Fairbanks Light Opera Theater production of "Once Upon a Mattress" was center staged by FDO's Jerry McGee as Sir Harold, Kanza Juhre as a lady in waiting, and Dan Gullickson as the minstrel.

Doris Diakakis Wins A Classic Porsche Speedster

Doris Diakakis, of ASO's Minerals Division, recently won a Speedster C sportscar in Blaupunkt's "Win a Tradition" sweepstakes. Diakakis accepted the car at a ceremony in Salt Lake City. The replica 1955 Porsche 356A is valued at \$20,000 and is equipped with Blaupunkt state-of-the-art stereo equipment.

"I've entered sweepstakes in the past," says Diakakis, "but never expected to win. This is very exciting for me." The prize was part of a seven-month program initiated by Blaupunkt to promote its entire line of car audio equipment.



PERSONAL NOTES

New parents at ADO:

Elizabeth was born to Jackie and **Bob Hale** on November 12.

Anastasia was born to Anita **Kovtynovich**.

Sadie was born to Pat and **Mike Kasterin**.

ADO people on the move:

Alta (Lagomarsino) Grulke is now working for the Division of Administration at ASO.

Betty Roseberry received an upward mobility land law examiner position at ASO.

Alicia Taylor is taking Gail Johnson's place in ADO's Personnel Office.

ASO's **Gary Seitz** is moving to ADO where he will be stepping into Kay Johnson's shoes.

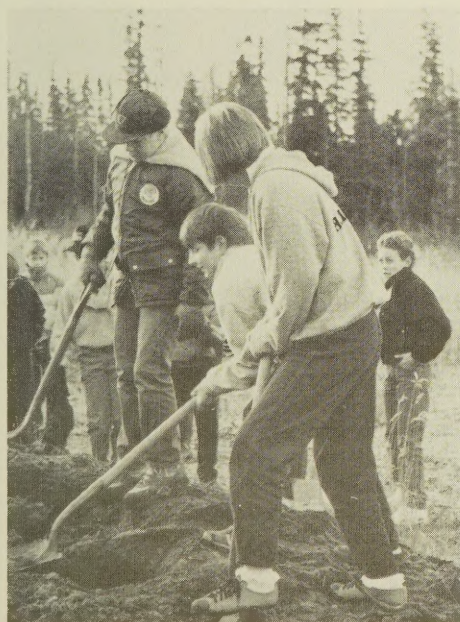
The following BLMers have new positions in ASO's Division of Operations:

Lynette Nakazawa is the new lead general biologist. **Dayle Sherba** has the new job title of "general biologist."

Ed Bovy of ASO Public Affairs recently won Best of Show and First Place in the scenic category in the American Cancer Society's fall photo contest. He also won second place last February in the Fur Rendezvous photo contest sponsored by 50 Minute Photo.

The Bureau of Land Management has suffered the loss of two valued and esteemed employees, co-workers and friends from the Land Office, Fairbanks District, this past year. **Evelyn Monroe**, supervisor of the Public Contact Section, and **Barbara Painter**, supervisor of the Title and Records Section, each lost a lengthy struggle with cancer. Both women possessed an optimism and a love for life and never lost their desire to help other people. They will be missed by all who knew them.

Catherine Crawford of ASO's Branch of Land Records and Information, has been chosen as Alaska's nominee for the FY 1985-86 Departmental Manager Development Program.



BLM's Campbell Tract was the site of two archaeological burials in early October. Classes from Sand Lake and Susitna schools buried separate cultures. Early spring, each school will uncover the other's handiwork and identify the culture.

**WELCOME ABOARD
(October/November)**

Linda Jeffers-McClelland, Miscellaneous Documents Clerk, ASO Division of Operations
Franklin Bierman, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Operations
Tammy Canon, Clerk Typist, ASO Division of Conveyance Management
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(October/November)**

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Adam Sullivan, Cartographic Technician, ASO Division of Cadastral Survey
Gerhard Groschel, General Engineer, ASO Division of Mineral Resources
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Patrick Davis, Forestry Technician, AFS

Patricia Martinez, Staffing Assistant, ASO Division of Administration
Doreen Robertson, Miscellaneous Documents Examiner, ASO Division of Operations
Leo Chaput, General Biologist, ASO Division of Operations
Steven Lively, Legal Clerk, ASO Division of Operations
Elva Molyneux, Support Services Specialist, ASO Division of Administration
Kathy Budd, Mail and File Clerk, ADO

**Gas Pipeline Initiates
Service to the Valley**

by Joette Storm

When the master valve of the gas pipeline from Beluga to the Matanuska Valley was turned on last month, ADO's Branch of Solids and Fluids was on hand to monitor the start up of the flow. The pipeline is bringing long-awaited natural gas from Chevron Oil Company's Beluga fields to Enstar Corporation in Willow, Wasilla, Peter's Creek, Palmer, and Eagle River.

Joe Russell, petroleum engineering technician, noted the company had some problems getting all of its wells on line at first so less gas traveled through the line than planned. "Soon 25 million cubic feet is expected to flow; and as demand increases, so will the amount of gas."

In the past the Beluga field has provided gas for the generation of electricity to the Chugach Electric Association. Chevron has divided production from the field's 10 wells in order to supply Enstar's customers.

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